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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9656**  
Haruyuki MIZUNO et al. : **Docket No. 2001-1209A**  
Serial No. 09/937,482 : **Group Art Unit 1712**  
Filed September 26, 2001 : **Examiner Christopher M. Keehan**

CERAMIC PRODUCT USED WITH  
WATER AND METHOD OF STAIN  
RESISTANT TREATMENT THEREFOR :

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116****EXPEDITED PROCEDURE****EXAMINING GROUP 1712**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: